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DECLARATION AND POWER OF ATTORNEY FOR ORIGINAL APPLICATION

As a below named inventor, I hereby declare that my residence, post office address and citizenship are as stated below my name; and that I believe I am an original, first and joint inventor of the subject matter which is claimed and for which a patent is sought on the invention entitled:

CUSHION SYSTEM FOR WAFER CARRIERS

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I hereby state that I have reviewed and understand the contents of the above identified specification, including the claims.

I acknowledge the duty to disclose information which is material to the examination of this application in accordance with Title 37, Code of Federal Regulations, § 1.56(a).

I hereby claim the benefit, under Title 35, United States Code, §1.20, of any United States application(s) or PCT International application(s) designating the United States of America that is/are listed below and, insofar as the subject matter of each of the claims of this application is not disclosed in that/those prior application(s) in the manner provided by the first paragraph of Title 35, United States Code, § 112, I acknowledge the duty to disclose information that is material to patentability as defined in 37, Code of Federal Regulations, §1.56 and that is material to the examination of this application, namely, information where there is a substantial likelihood that a reasonable examiner would consider it important in deciding whether to allow the application to issue as a patent that occurred between the filing date of the prior application(s) and the national or PCT international filing date of this application. (37 C.F.R. §1.63(e)).

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